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Dorticos Target Of Raiders

Fidel Says CIA Behind Action

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MIAMI — Three Cuban exile organizations claimed credit Sunday night for a sea raid on Havana's water front Sunday that was aimed at assassinating Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos.

A spokesman for the comandos L, RECE, and November 30 Movement groups said two of their boats attacked the Dorticos residence with cannons and 50-mm machine guns.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro claimed in a mountain-top speech Sunday the attack was the work of two American Central Intelligence Agency boats.

The exiles said their boats also strafed the Riviera Hotel, where many Russians are lodged, and the police headquarters on the dike of the Havana water front.

"The third floor of the Riviera Hotel was enveloped in flames after the attack," the exiles said. "The attack was also aimed at various

radar installations around the Miramar section of Havana, but they could not be located in the dark."

It was not known if Mr. Dorticos, a figurehead in the Castro Communist regime, was home at the time.

Mr. Castro bluntly accused the United States of authoring the attack.

"Whom can we make responsible for these stupidities except the government of the United States, whom can we blame except the CIA which has sponsored all types of stupidities against this country?" Mr. Castro said.

In Washington, the State Department declined comment on Mr. Castro's claim.

MR. CASTRO, waving his arms and denouncing "the miserable one at the service of imperialism," declared the strafing provides "a magnificent opportunity to compare the constructive work of the revolution with the destructive aims of counter-revolutionaries."

He said it mattered not to the attackers "if they killed a mother or a child."

He indicated there are murmurings against his government inside Cuba, but said those who oppose his regime compose "a repugnant minority." He added:

"They are those who dream the impossible dream of destroying the revolution."

He called the Sunday morning attack "a work of desperation" by "our enemies who are suffering defeat after defeat in every field." He listed one such defeat as his announcement that anyone who wished might leave Cuba for the United States.